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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS COMMENTS TO TASS ON CSCE

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1. ACCORDING TO THE AUGUST 10 ISSUE OF THE SEMI-OFFICIAL  
ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA) BULLETIN, FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS

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GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO THE ATHENS TASS CORRESPONDENT IN CONNECTION

WITH THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CSCE. THE TEXT OF THE  
INTERVIEW AS REPORTED BY ANA IS AS FOLLOWS:

"QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE RESULTS, IN YOUR OPINION, OF  
THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED A YEAR AGO IN HELSINKI?

ANSWER: IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR THAT HAS LAPSED SINCE  
THE SIGNING OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT, CERTAIN STEPS HAVE  
BEEN TAKEN SUCH AS ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MILITARY EXERCISES  
HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS, CERTAIN  
FACILITIES GRANTED TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, AND AN IMPROVED  
SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR.

WE SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, FORGET THAT THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE  
IS CONSIDERED TO CONSTITUTE A LANDMARK IN THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.  
EUROPEANS AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE WORLD ARE EXPECTING FROM IT  
MOST IMPORTANT RESULTS, RESULTS TO SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY AND  
THE HARMONIOUS COLLABORATION OF PARTICIPATING STATES AND  
TO CONSOLIDATE A DETENTE DESIRED BY ALL NATIONS. WE MUST  
ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT AS FAR AS WE GREEKS ARE CONCERNED,  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI RESOLUTIONS IS FAR FROM  
SATISFACTORY. WE CANNOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT THE CYPRIOT  
DRAMA, WHOSE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE VIOLATION OF ALMOST ALL  
THE HELSINKI PRINCIPLES, HAS NOT TAKEN ONE STEP FORWARD  
TOWARDS ITS SOLUTION. ON THE OTHER HAND WE RECOGNIZE THE  
FACT THAT THE TWELVE MONTHS THAT HAVE PASSED ARE A RATHER  
SHORT PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
OF SUCH MAGNITUDE."

2. SOME GREEK NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT BITSIOS ALSO  
REFERRED TO THE 1975 BALKAN CONFERENCE IN ATHENS AS AN  
EXAMPLE OF THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
HELSINKI AGREEMENTS. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE COMMENTED  
"IT IS NECESSARY THAT I ADD THAT THE BALKAN COUNTRIES  
WHICH SIGNED THE FINAL ACT HAVE REALIZED AN IMPORTANT  
ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE AREA OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE BALKAN STATES, AN EVENT IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF BULGARIA, ROMANIA, TURKEY, YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE  
PARTICIPATED, AND WHICH WAS THE IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE  
REALIZATION OF THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI."  
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